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| Filed: October 30, 2003 |) Examiner: <i>To Be Assigned</i> |
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| For: OPTICAL PICKUP, AND METHOD AND |) |
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| ABERRATION OF OPTICAL BEAM |) |

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced Application.

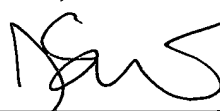
A European Search Report dated December 16, 2004 is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the European Search Report along with the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form-1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitutes "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

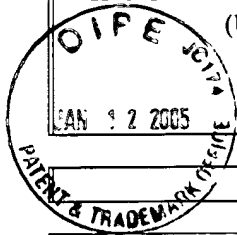
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